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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R 1.313(c)

Dear Sir:

Applicant received a Notice of Allowance and Fees Due dated October 10, 2003 in connection with the above-referenced patent application. On January 20, 2004, Applicant submitted the small entity Issue Fee of \$665.00 and the \$30.00 fee for an advance order for patent copies. Applicant now wishes to withdraw the above-referenced patent application from issue pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c) for the following reasons:

Applicant wishes to submit the following documents for consideration by the Examiner in an Information Disclosure Statement.

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Non Patent Literature Documents:

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Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-referenced patent application be withdrawn from issue in conjunction with the filing of Applicant's Request for Continued Examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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